

DRAWING

An amended FIG. 9b is submitted herewith. FIG. 9b has been amended to include reference numerals to enhance clarity to the reader. The reference numerals are consistent with the specification and with the reference numerals in other figures (e.g., FIGs. 1, 2, and 3), and no new matter is added.

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend the claims as set forth below.**

2. (Thrice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein the vehicle further comprises a base on which, viewed in a traveling direction A, at its one end the first lifting device and at its other end the second lifting device is disposed.

4. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein the picker-carrying device and the pallet carrying device are, in plan view, disposed opposite one another.

5. (Thrice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein the vehicle is rail-mounted.

6. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein the picker-carrying device further comprises a circumferential crash guard for the picker.

7. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein, above the order pallet, the pallet-carrying device comprises a terminal for displaying the picking positions.

8. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein the picker-carrying device further comprises a dead man's switch.

10. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein the pallet-carrying device comprises a load receiving means for receiving and delivering the order pallet.

12. (Twice Amended) ~~An apparatus for picking articles situated on retrieval pallets in a pallet rack, the apparatus comprising a vehicle capable of traveling along the picking front of the pallet rack and having a first lifting device with a height-adjustable picker carrying device for the picker and having a second lifting device with a height-adjustable pallet carrying device for an order pallet, wherein the picker carrying device and the pallet carrying device are positionable heightwise relative to the respective retrieval position independently of one another, The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the pallet-carrying device comprises a sensor device for determining the degree of charging of the order pallet.~~

13. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 14, wherein the travel of the vehicle and of the lifting devices to the respective retrieval positions and/or transfer positions is controllable by means of a control computer.

14. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for picking articles situated on retrieval pallets in a pallet rack, the apparatus comprising a vehicle capable of traveling along the picking front of the pallet rack and having a first lifting device with a height-adjustable picker carrying device for the picker and having a second lifting device with a height-adjustable pallet-carrying device for an order pallet, wherein the picker-carrying device and the pallet carrying device are positionable heightwise relative to the respective retrieval position independently of one another,

wherein the travel of the vehicle and of the lifting devices to the respective retrieval positions and/or transfer positions is controllable by means of a control computer, and

wherein the height of the picker-carrying device at the respective retrieval position is controllable on the basis of the residual stock quantity of the articles on the retrieval pallet to an ergonomically advantageous retrieval height, and

wherein the height of the pallet-carrying device at the respective retrieval position is controllable on the basis of the degree of charging of the order pallet to a height allowing substantially horizontal transfer of articles from the retrieval pallet to the order pallet.

15. (Canceled) An apparatus for picking articles situated on retrieval pallets in a pallet rack, the apparatus comprising a vehicle capable of traveling along the picking front of the

pallet rack and having a first lifting device with a height-adjustable picker carrying device for the picker and having a second lifting device with a height-adjustable pallet-carrying device for an order pallet, wherein the picker-carrying device and the pallet carrying device are positionable heightwise relative to the respective retrieval position independently of one another,

wherein the travel of the vehicle and of the lifting devices to the respective retrieval positions and/or transfer positions is controllable by means of a control computer, and

wherein the height of the pallet-carrying device at the respective retrieval position is controllable on the basis of the degree of charging of the order pallet.

17. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein the heights preset by the controller are manually correctable by the picker.

18. (Thrice Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein the traveling movement of the vehicle and the lifting movements of the lifting devices are optionally effected simultaneously.

19. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein the picker-carrying device comprises a standing seat for the picker.

20. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein the power transmission to the vehicle is effected via a contact line.